Consumption of arrack and toddy.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

49. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

ii. Whether during the last 10 years the average net annual income per head in Cochin has increased or decreased and how much;

iii. The annual consumption in Cochin, during the last 5 years, of arrack;

iv. The number of cocoanut and palmyra palms licensed in Cochin for tapping toddy every year during the last 5 years ; and

v. Why the Government has not acceded to the request of the Trichur Municipality to remove from the town shops vending arrack and toddy?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

ii. Government are not in a position to furnish an answer, as they have no information on the point;

iii. The annual consumption of arrack, in terms of proof strength, in the State during the last five years was.—

1095	65,519.65	gallons.
1096	39,554.875	do.
1097	38,454.90	do.
1098	41,108.98	do.
1099	40,493.53	do.

iv. The number of trees licensed is :—

Year	For Jaggery toddy			
	Cocoanut	Palmyras	Sagoes	Total
1095	8,378	10,501	6,442	25,321
1096	8,795	11,828	7,259	27,872
1097	8,595	10,700	7,582	26,877
1098	7,490	5,919	7,991	21,400
1099	6,258	7,729	8,211	22,198

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Year	For Fermented toddy				Bakery		Grand total
	Cocoanut	Palmyras	Sagoes	Total	Cocoanut	Sagoes	
1095	51,553	7,635	5,161	64,359	125	...	89,795
1096	53,620	7,548	5,372	66,540	152	1	94,565
1097	51,743	7,315	5,309	64,367	172	3	91,419
1098	47,474	8,707	4,698	60,879	155	4	82,438
1099	46,043	7,921	4,431	58,395	149	5	80,747

v. Government considers that it is neither worth while nor necessary to go into the reasons by which arrack and toddy shops were not driven out of the Trichur Town. The experiment was tried in the Ernakulam Municipality where the location of arrack and toddy shops was prohibited, and the result has been anything but satisfactory. Since it was only licit liquor that was externed from the Municipal area, illicit supply, illicit possession and illicit sale of liquor have considerably increased. This is always the case when licit supply is cut off where there is demand.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Will the member kindly state whether the figures, regarding consumption of arrack, furnished in the answer, justify the statement of the Finance Member on page 10 of his Financial Statement, that the Abkari policy has been to secure the maximum profit from the minimum consumption ?

Mr. V. B. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR (*Superintendent of Excise Revenue*).

From 1095 the consumption has been steadily going down, except for the years 1098 and 1099, during which year the consumption is little in excess of that in 1096 and 1097. The consumption in 1099 is certainly less than in 1098, and in this year it is much less. Generally, therefore, the statement is perfectly justifiable.

Receipts of the Forest Department.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

50. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

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